

Syllabus (outline of lessons): Russian Phonetics

Homework for every class: practice a tongue twister, be prepared to recite in class

1. What is phonetics? Sounds, organs of articulation, Russian alphabet
2. Vowel sounds: hard vowels (а, о, у, э, ы) consonants л, м, н, т, к, р
3. Vowel sounds: soft vowels (я, ё, ю, е, и) and soft sign ь, practice with ы
4. Voiced/voiceless pairs (б/п, в/ф, г/к, д/т, ж/ш, з/с): concept and pronunciation rules
5. Voiced consonants at the end of Russian words, consonant clusters, aspiration
6. Voiced/voiceless pair: к/г in detail, reduction of о
7. Intonation: ИК-1, reduction
8. Intonation: ИК-2, ф/в, х
9. с/з and ц, single-letter prepositions с, в, о, к (+со, во)
10. Intonation: ИК-3, rhythm of questions
11. ш/ж, pronunciation of vowels after these sounds
12. Review of ИК-1-3, Intonation: ИК-4
13. Р (soft and hard), Л (soft and hard)
14. Intonation: ИК-5, ч, щ
15. Soft and hard п, б, н
16. Reduction, soft and hard м, в, ф
17. Soft and hard к, г, х, с, з
18. Review of difficult sounds: щ, ж, ы, р, ц, х
19. Intonation: ИК-6, Intonation: ИК-7
20. Rhythm of speech, poetry